

that into account when we actually debate and consider the budget. There are a large, large group of senior citizens in the State of Nebraska looking forward to LB 407. Let me also come right out and lay it in on top of the table here, there are some senators that would like to kill this particular bill to place us in a position where we had to consider a different approach, a circuit breaker type approach to homestead exemption. If that is what they are after then they've got to kill this particular bill or hold it up, delay it, get rid of it any way they can so they then put us in a position of having to consider their circuit breaker or nothing. For that reason I suggest that we go ahead, discuss this particular bill. Any amendments that anyone wants to throw at us on it, get that decision made as to what we are or are not going to do with this. Move this to Select File, then do our holding up for the sake of discussing the budget bills. At least we know how much strength this bill has got in whatever form it's going to be taking by that time. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question if I may, Mr. Speaker. Senator Warner, earlier in the session we had some discussion about appropriation bills, or bills that carry an appropriation bill with it. There was some suggestion made relative to holding those somewhere until everything got caught up. For lack of memory, of recalling exactly what that was, would you refresh mine please?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Senator Carsten, I believe I offered the motion, which was adopted, that would hold, on Final Reading, any legislation that had an A bill with it or carried an appropriation from the General Fund within it, in both cases it pertained to the General Fund, would be held on Final Reading until March 10th. The date was selected because I assumed the bills would be out on the floor about the first, second or third of March and you would then have time to know what dollar amount was involved and the Legislature could, at that point, make a decision whether to hold them longer or to hold them until after the appropriation bills had preceded.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, Senator Warner, was that motion adopted and carried?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. It's on page 270 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CARSTEN: What is wrong with moving this bill on across and holding it there then until the appropriation bills get there? We can change that March 10th date if we have to until appropriation bills get here. Why do we hold it up now, I guess, is really my question? Why don't we move it, or not move it until that time frame comes?

SENATOR WARNER: That certainly can be done, Senator Carsten. It is Senator Fowler's motion, which I supported only on the basis that at least the dollar amounts that I have understood are of such a significant amount that it far exceeds what we have been reserving in the committee for A bills and floor amendments on the appropriation bill, and still stay within existing rates. I do have a concern that the appropriation bills will precede, on Final Reading, any of these aid programs because in my opinion they are going to trigger rates if any